

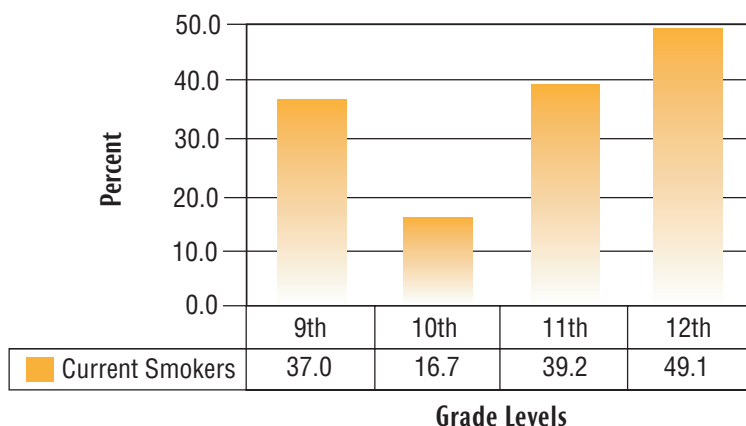
## FACT SHEET

## It's Easy for Kids to Get Hooked

Hawai'i State Department of Health

- There are over 4,000 chemicals in cigarette smoke. Nicotine is one of the components in cigarettes and has been proven to be addictive. [1]
- The effects of nicotine reach the brain in 7 seconds, which is faster than any other drug that is injected through the blood stream. [2]
- About 80% of adult tobacco users started before age 18. [3]
- 22% of Hawai'i high school students reported smoking their first cigarette by age 13. [6]
- Most adolescents can associate advertisements, logos, and trademarks with tobacco products. [4]

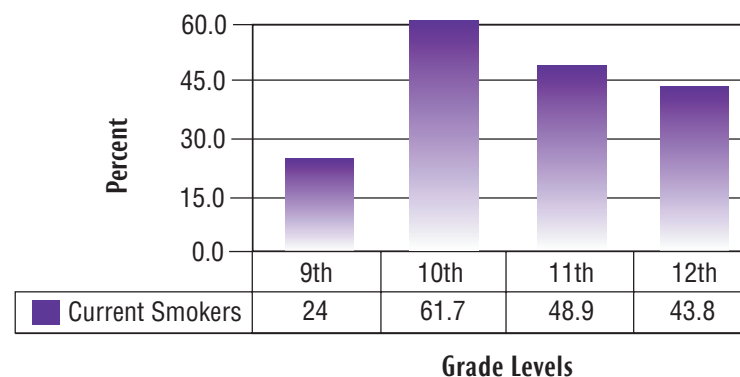
Percent of Current Hawai'i Teen Tobacco Users Who Bought Cigarettes in a Store and Were Asked to Show Proof of Age, 2000



Data Source: 2000 Hawai'i Youth Tobacco Survey, Hawai'i State Dept. of Health

- More than 5 million children under age 18 alive today will die prematurely from tobacco related causes because of cigarette use during adolescence. [3]
- Everyday in the United States, more than 3,000 young people become regular smokers. This amounts to more than one million new smokers each year. [4]
- 37% of Hawai'i high school students reported that neither parent spoke to them about the dangers of tobacco use. [6]
- In Hawai'i, 63% of high school students acknowledged ever trying cigarettes. [6]

Percent of Current Hawai'i Teen Tobacco Users Who Tried to Buy Cigarettes in a Store and Were Refused Because of Their Age, 2000



Data Source: 2000 Hawai'i Youth Tobacco Survey, Hawai'i State Dept. of Health

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